

# **Inside Out Dad's Graduation Correctional Industrial Facility**

## **Media Contact:**

Karen Cantou Grubbs

Indiana Department of Correction

(317) 232-5780

(317) 517-7482(cell)

[kgrubbs@doc.IN.gov](mailto:kgrubbs@doc.IN.gov)

"This program offers incarcerated parents the fundamental instruction on responsibility and family values they need so they them to handle the challenges that come with being a good parent."

J. David Donahue.

Indiana DOC Commissioner

Pendleton, IN - On July 27, 2007, the Correctional Industrial Facility will host its first graduation of the "Inside/Out Dads" Program. This is the first group of inmates to graduate from this novel program. The program is sponsored by the National Fatherhood Initiative and is designed to develop and strengthen the bond between incarcerated dads and their children.

This event will recognize successful program completion by 39 "Dads", who will be awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Inside/Out Dads program. Nine additional offenders will receive certificates for facilitating the Inside/Out Dad program.

"This program offers incarcerated parents the fundamental instruction on responsibility and family values they need so they them to handle the challenges that come with being a good parent," says Commissioner David Donahue. A majority of incarcerated dads come from one-parent families that lacked the nurturing care, boundary limits, or positive role model support.

"This ceremony is an indication of the value of family oriented programming," says Acting Superintendent Timothy Purcell. The Certificates of Completion will be awarded at 9 A.M. in the Correctional Industrial Facility's Visiting Room.

## **About The Department of Correction**

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.